



THE WILL OF JACOB COOKE

The last Will and Testament of Jacob Cooke senir of Plymouth in New England late Decased exhibited to the Court held att Plymouth aforsaid the 8th Day of March 1676 on the oathes of Mr Edward Gray and Leift: Joseph howland as followeth;

Know all men to whom these prsents shall come that I Jacob Cooke senir of the Towne of Plymouth in New England; being att this prsent very weake in body through many Infeirmities and Deseas; that are upon mee; but of sound and prfect understanding and memory; Doe make and ordaine this to be my last Will and Testament to Continewe for ever feirme and Inviolable;

Imprimis my will is that my engagement unto my Deare and loveing wife Elizabeth Cooke att or before my marriage with her be truly and honestly prformed unto her; Item I will and bequeath unto my said wife Elizabeth Cooke one yoake of oxen and one cow, towards the bringing up of my three youngest Daughters; and for her and theire more comfortable subsistence; I Give unto her my said wife Dureing her widdowhood; the use benifitt and Improvement of the orchyard that is by my Now Dwelling house; and the orchyard that I planted by or in the place I lived in att my first Marriage; alsoe During her widdowhood I Give her free Comonage for her stocke of Cattle of all sorts to Depasture in and upon those my lands att Rockey nooke; and my will is that my said wife take into her Costody the portions of my three youngest Daughters; To Cecure them untell they are of Capassitie to receive them; if shee please; Item I will and bequeath unto my eldest son Caleb Cooke; a Couble portion of all my lands; that is to say one halfe of them for quantitie and quallitie; and my will is that hee shall have in his prte of them. the one halfe of my meddow that lyeth att Pyny point alsoe three quarters of my two Great Lotts of meddow that lyeth in Joneses River meddow; and all my meddow that lyeth att home on Joneses River and the remainder of his proportion of lands; hee shall have them out of my Lands that I now live on; and my lands in Rockey Nooke; and my thirty acres of wood land that lyeth att the head of my lotts; onely what meddow or Grasse I have engaged unto my wife aforsaid; shee shall have it out of his lott and halfe of Meddow att Jonses River meddow; and hee shall not Deney my said wife but lett her have ffree egressse and regresse for Pastureing on those lands in Rockey nooke which shalbe Considered to him when [???]n is made; Item I will and bequeath unto my son Jacob Cooke one share of [???] lands, that is one quarter prte of them for quantitie and quallitie; and my [???]at hee shall have in his prte of them; my sixty acres of upland that lyeth [???] all that my meddow and upland that lyeth next unto [???] Gave and possessed, by my brother John Thomson [???]nd in Rockey nooke; alsoe hee shall have the onehalf [???] lyeth next unto John Dunhames meddow att [???] of mddow that lyeth in Joneses river meddow; and [???] amount to his proportion for quantitie [???] payed by one of his brothers [???] that in mony, soe hee to alow them if otherwise [???]on ffrancis Cooke one share of all my lands [???]antitie and quallitie; and my will is that in his [???] my forty five acres of upland [???]rother Wrights land; alsoe the onehalfe of my [???] Winnatucksett next John Dunhames Meddow [???] meddow; that lyeth att Jonses River meddow and [???] what these severall prsells shall want of [???]mainder out of the lands I live upon or [???]es of age; by his brother Caleb; if those to [???]s my will see cause; that my son ffrancis [???]ny; and that they; att the Devision Determined [???] prformance; Item I will and betweath unto [???]s having Don formerly, according to [???]th unto my six Daughters six Mary [???]kah Cookes my Debts and legacyes [???]s monyes Debts Goods Cattle Chattells and whatsoever

moveable estate appertaineth unto mee to be equally Decided betwixt them six onely what Corne and provision shalbe found in being shal[???] be Devided; but spent by my wife and Children that are with her; and my Desire is that my executors take the best Course they Can, to Cecure their portions, to the time of their marriage or that they Come of age; And I Doe by these presents appoint make and ordaine my Deare and loveing wife Elizabeth Cooke; and my loveing son Caleb cooke my executors of this my Last Will; and testament; to Adminnester upon my said estate to receive all such Debtes as are Due to mee and; to pay all such Debts and legacyes as I owe or are Given by these prsents; and I Doe alsoe Impower and Authorise my siad executors by these prsents to give unto my Dozen Daniell Wilcockes a Deed of that land att Punckateesett; which I sold him, and hee hath payed mee for; Alsoe to Give & take a Deed of my brother John Thompson for the land and meddow that hee and my selfe exchanged, one with the other; alsoe that my executors see that my body be Decently buried, and out of my estate to Defray the Charge therof; and my will is that my loveing frinds my brother John Thompson and Willam Crow; Doe see the prformance of this my last Will, and the settlement of my estate; and I Doe therefore Desire order and Impower them; for to be healfull to my wife and Children in all their Devisions above mensioned; and to Determine what and how any matter shalbe between them; as neare as they Can according to the true Intent of this my last Will and Testament; and by these presents I revoake all former wills; thus hoping that this my last Will and Testament wilbe kept and prformed according to the true Intent and meaning therof: I Comitt my body to the Dust and my soule to God that Gave it mee; In Witnes wherof I Jacob Cooke senir: have sett to my hand and seale this eleventh Day of December one thousand six hundred seaventy and five; alsoe for my fifty acres of Land att or about Joneses river meddow; I would have it Devided to my sonnes

Inventory of the estate of Jacob Cooke, deceased 1675

Note: inventories are valued in pounds (L), shillings (s) and pence (d). There were 12 pence (or pennies) to a shilling and 20 shillings to a pound.

An inventory of the Estate of Jacob Cooke seni'r of the Towne of New Plymouth Deceased taken and apprised the 18th Day of December 1675, by mr Thomas Cushman Leiftenant Jos[---] and serjeant Ephraim Tinkham; and exhibited to the Court of his Ma'tie h[---] aforsaid the 8th of March Anno Dom: 1675, 76, on the oath of E[---]

Impr 1 yoake of oxen

Item 4 Cowes

Item 2 steers of 3 yeers and advantage

Item 1 heiffer of 2 yeers and vantage

Item the halfe of a Cow 20s and the half [---]

Item halfe of a heiffer 12s 6d & halfe of [---]

Item 1 yeerlyng heiffer

Item 3 Calves

Item a mare and Colt or else a D[---] vallued att [---]

Item 1 mare 15s and a yonge horse

Item 59 sheep and lambes att six pou[---]

Item 7 sowes att 6s apeece and 4 piggs

Takling without Dores

Item 1 winch for a Grindstone
 Item 1 Cart and wheeles with their Iron works with
 Item 1 Copp yeoke and one stinge yeoke with their Iron
 w[---]
 Item 1 plow share with a Coulter and bee
 Item 1 Cart rope and halter
 Item a Draft Cheine 5s 1 logg Cheine in a peeces
 Item a pair of hinges
 Item 1 auger and handsaw
 Item 1 Dunge forke & 2 pitch[---]
 Item 2 hoes 1 spade 1 axe
 Item 1 hooke and exe; and [--]
 Item 1 hoop and a paire of pince[---]
 Item 1 old Cow bell and old Iron [---]
 Item 1 Gouge 6d and one hechell
 Item 1 Stocke of bees 8s - 1 augur 9d = 8s 9d

in the house the outward rome

Item 1 Trammell 4s - 1 Tramell 3s - 1 hanger 1s	00 08 00
Item 1 Iron kettle 9s 1 Iron pott and pothookes 10s	00 19 00
Item 1 Iron pott 8s with the pothookes to it	00 08 00
Item 1 Great brasse kettle 12s 1 Ditto lesser kettle 7s	00 19 00
Item 2 brasse skilletts and 1 old peece of brasse	00 02 00
Item 1 fireslice	00 01 06
Item 1 pewter platter 6s - one pewter platter 5s 6d	00 11 06
Item 1 Ditto 4s - 1 Ditto 3s 1 Ditto 3s	00 10 00
Item 1 Cracked pewter Dish 2s 1 quart pott 3s	00 05 00
Item 1 pint pott 2s 1 pint pott 1 beaker 1 Dram Cupp 1	00 03 00
Item halfe a Dozen of spoones 3s halfe a Dozen of spoones 2s 6d	00 05 06
Item 1 frying pan and one peece of a Gridiron 1 old peece of a pewterbason	00 03 00
Item 1 bread Grator 1 shill 2 milk pan 8d	00 01 08
Item 1 longe fowling peece	01 10 00
Item 1 short Muskett	00 16 00
Item 1 Carbine 10s - 1 rapier 12 s	01 02 00
Item 1 backe sword 8s - 1 spitt 3s 6d	00 11 06

Item 1 smoothing box and beaters	00 03 00
Item 1 loome 15s and the one halfe of 5 paire of Geers 15s	01 10 00
Item 6 pound of bulletts 2 hornese with powder	00 04 00
Item 1 Great Iron wedge 1s 6d 4 pailles 4s	00 05 00
Item 24 pound of woolen yearne	01 16 00
Item 12 pound of woolen yerne and 1 pound of Cotten yearne	01 04 00
Item 4 pound of fflax yearne	00 10 00
Item 3 Chaires 4s one Cradle 1s 6d	00 05 06
Item 1 houer Glasse 9d 1 paire of sheep sheers 15d	00 02 00
Item 1 bible 4s 1 Psalme book 1s 6d 4 old bookes 2s	00 07 06
Item 1 Curbe bridle 3s 1 saddle 10s 1 pennell 8s	01 01 00
Item 1 sickle 1s 1 hamer 1s	<u>00 02 00</u>
	<u>16 07 02</u>

In the bed chamber

Impr 1 bed and a bolster	03 00 00
Item 1 Green rugg and one white blankett	01 00 00
Item 4 paire of sheets att 16s a paire	03 04 00
Item 2 old Chests & a box	00 06 06

In the uper Chamber or loft

Item 1 bed and bolster	02 15 00
[---] 1 blankett 8s; 1 Green Rugg 5s	00 13 00
[---]ed Rugge 5s 1 blankett 6s	00 11 00
[---]	02 15 00
[---] 1 bolster 1 pillow 5s	02 16 00
[---]rabouts of sheeps woole 13s 6d	00 17 06
[---]ole	00 03 06
[---] 5s	00 08 00
[---]ke 3s	00 06 06
[---]llowes 6s	<u>00 07 06</u>
	<u>11 13 00</u>
[---] seive 3s 6d	00 07 06
[---]rrell 2s 6d 1 tubb 6d	00 04 06
[---]omas Lettices	00 07 06
[---]	00 03 00
[---] woole att 9d pr pound is	00 07 06

[---]	00 02 00
[---]	00 04 00
[---]on 10s 4 yard Cotton 9s 4d	<u>00 19 04</u>
	<u>02 15 04</u>

Apparrell

[---]	01 00 00
[---]	00 12 00
[---]f breeches and one paire of Drawers 15s	01 05 00
[---]	00 04 06
[---]s	00 08 00
[---]	00 22 06
[---]	00 04 00
[---]	<u>02 13 06</u>
	<u>06 18 06</u>
Item 1 pewter Chamber pott	00 03 00
Item 1 brake 3s 1 paire of Cards 1s	00 04 00
Item 1 Iron Square	<u>00 01 06</u>
	<u>00 08 00</u>
Item Severall prticulars expended	<u>01 00 06</u>
Item the onethird of 2 weathers 4s	

Debts owing to the testator

Item from Caleb cooke	01 05 00
ffrom ffrancis Douce	00 08 00
ffrom Samuell Dunham son of John Dunham	00 03 00
ffrom John Dotey	00 07 00
ffrom Nathaniell Wood allies Attwood	00 03 00
ffrom John Bradford	00 03 00
ffrom Jacob Cooke	<u>00 06 00</u>

The sume of the estate is 104 16 03

Debts owing by the Testator

Item To Willam harlow	01 00 00
Item Thomas Lettice	00 04 00
To Samuell Jenney	00 04 00
To Joseph Wadsworth	00 06 00
To Captaine Matthew fuller	01 00 00

To Doctor Samell fuller	00 07 00
To the estate of Ester Cooke Deceased	02 12 04
To Edward Gray	02 05 00
To the estate of Willam Shurtliffe Deceased	00 10 08
To Gorge Watson	01 00 00
To John Thompson	01 03 01
To Gorge Bonum	00 05 00
To Joseph howland	00 03 00
To Robertt ffinney	00 03 06
To funerall Charges	<u>02 06 06</u>
	Debts owing <u>13 10 01</u>
The Estate Debts Deducted is	091 00 02

Wee are Informed that the Testator Died possessed of these lands as followeth;
 Impr 1 Dwelling house with the out houses therunto standing and be[---] upon his two lotts
 off land that lyeth on the southsyde of the smelt brooke [---] the Towne of Plymouth with the
 additions therunto belonging;
 Alsoe 4 fift prtes of a prsell of lands and meddow, that were Injoyed by his Deceased father
 ffrancis Cooke, lying and being in Rockey nooke; in the said Towne of Plymouth.
 Sixty acres of upland lying att Moonponsett pond
 forty five acres of upland lying att Winnetucksett Neare Richard Wrights land
 fifty acres of upland lying att or neare the I[---] [---]nd[---]
 Three acres of salt Marsh Meddow lying att Pyney po[---]
 Thirty acres of Meddow more or lesse in three lotts lyin[---]
 Twelve Acres of meddow lying att Winnatuzett; by the [---]
 six acres of Meddow with a smale prsell of upland [---] meddow lying att Winnatucksett;
 Thirty Acres of upland lying on the Norths[---] neare a place Called the wolfe trappe;
 This Inventory was attested [---] Elizabeth Cooke this 8cond [---] in open Court as
 Attests J[---]

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 3, p. 236-242.